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Response C

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Description:

Page 21, line 4, please delete [103 and 104] and insert "102 and 103".

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method for quantitatively assaying one or more target molecules in a first sample, comprising:

- (a) adding to the first sample, a preparation of a nucleic acid aptamer specific for each target molecule;
- (b) allowing substantially all of the target molecules in the first sample to bind with aptamer;